

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST – NEW MEADOWS RANGER DISTRICT**

**Rapid River Wild River Corridor Trails Occupancy & Use Order**  
(For Public Safety & Resource Protection)

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (b), the following acts are prohibited on the trails described in this order, within the administrative and proclaimed boundaries of the New Meadows Ranger District, Payette National Forest. This Order shall be in effect when signed by the Forest Supervisor and will remain in effect until further notice.

1. Using any motorized vehicle or mechanical equipment (bicycles are prohibited) on the trails.  
**36 CFR 261.55(b)**
2. Operating an internal combustion engine, including a chainsaw, on the trails within the Rapid River Wild River Corridor. **36 CFR 261.52(h)**

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local Officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

**TRAILS DESCRIBED:**

**National Forest System Trail #177** – from the junction with National Forest System Trail #229 located within Township 21 North, Range 1 West, Section 31, then northeasterly approximately 12 miles to the boundary between the Payette and Nez Perce National Forests located within Township 22 North, Range 1 West, Section 11, Boise Meridian.

**National Forest System Trail #184** –from the junction with National Forest System Trail #178 located within Township 21 North, Range 1 West, Section 21, then westerly approximately 2 miles to the junction with National Forest System Trail #177 located within Township 21 North, Range 1 West, Section 20, Boise Meridian.

**National Forest System Trail #362** –from the junction with National Forest System Trail #328 and National Forest System Trail #517 located within Township 21 North, Range 1 West, Section 19, then easterly approximately 1 mile to the junction with National Forest System Trail #177 located within Township 21 North, Range 1 West, Section 20, Boise Meridian.

**National Forest System Trail #188** –from the junction with National Forest System Trail #191 located within Township 21 North, Range 2 West, Section 2, then southeasterly approximately 3 miles to the junction with National Forest System Trail #177 located within Township 21 North, Range 1 West, Section 5, Boise Meridian.

**National Forest System Trail #183** –from the junction with National Forest System Trail #178 located within Township 21 North, Range 1 West, Section 16, then northwesterly approximately 3 miles to the junction with National Forest System Trail #177 located within Township 21 North, Range 1 West, Section 5, Boise Meridian.

**National Forest System Trail #187** –from the junction with National Forest System Trail #328 located within Township 21 North, Range 1 West, Section 7, then northeasterly approximately 2 miles to the junction with National Forest System Trail #177 located within Township 21 North, Range 1 West, Section 5, Boise Meridian.

The above trails are located within Adams County, Idaho and within the New Meadows Ranger District, Payette National Forest.

## **DEFINITION**

**Mechanical equipment** – means any contrivance which travels over ground, snow, or water on wheels, tracks, skids, or by floatation that is powered by a living source. This term does not include non-motorized rivercraft, wheelchairs, or other similar devices used solely to assist persons with disabilities.

## **PURPOSE**

The restrictions set forth in this Order are necessary for the protection of resources present within the Rapid River Wild River Corridor. The Rapid River Wild River Corridor is included in the Hell's Canyon National Recreation Area (HCNRA). The restrictions set forth above are consistent with protections as provided for in the HCNRA regulations, promulgated at 36 CFR 292.44 (b)(2). This Order is also necessary for public safety to restrict motorized vehicles from fording a river crossing due to a washed out bridge.

This Order is written to accomplish the following on the trails above:


**National Forest System Trail #177** – this trail was previously closed to motorized vehicle use pursuant to the 2009 Motor Vehicle Use Map-Payette National Forest. This order will maintain this prohibition and add the prohibition of the use of mechanical equipment, including bicycles and chainsaws on the trail.

**National Forest System Trails #184, #362, #188, #183 and #187** – these trails were previously open to motorcycle use pursuant to the 2009 Motor Vehicle Use Map-Payette National Forest. This order will prohibit the use of motorized and mechanical equipment, including bicycles, on the described portions of the trails. Additionally, chainsaw use will be prohibited on these trails within the area designated as the Rapid River Wild River Corridor.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Special Order will be in effect, when signed, and shall remain in effect until the Forest Supervisor for the Payette National Forest issues a decision regarding modification of the Travel Management Plan for the Council and New Meadows Ranger Districts Snow Free Season that reconsiders designation of routes for motor vehicle use in the Rapid River Wild & Scenic River corridor.
2. A map identifying the above described trails is attached and made part of this Order.
3. Any violation of this Order is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six months [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581(b)(7)].
4. The trail restrictions set forth in this Order supersede the designations for motor vehicle use in the 2009 Motor Vehicle Use Map-Payette National Forest. Other travel restrictions identified in the 2009 Motor Vehicle Use Map-Payette National Forest will remain in effect.
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Payette National Forest Supervisor's Office (208-634-0700) in McCall, ID, and the New Meadows Ranger District (208-347-0300) in New Meadows, ID.

Done at McCall, Idaho this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.

  
SUZANNE C. RAINVILLE  
Forest Supervisor  
Payette National Forest

**Payette NF Order Number: 0412-401**

## Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

### Rapid River Wild River Corridor Trails Occupancy & Use Order Payette National Forest # 0412-401

**1. Background:** *(Description of problem and why the order is proposed. The appropriate staff prepares the order and ensures all other required documentation is complete such as NEPA)* The Rapid River is designated as a wild river under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and is included in the Hell's Canyon National Recreation Area (HCNRA). The HCNRA is administered by the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, with the exception of the Rapid River Wild River Corridor, which is administered by the Payette and Nez Perce National Forests for those portions of the river within their respective boundaries. Public Land Use Regulations, promulgated for the HCNRA at 36 CFR, Part 292, Subpart F, include regulations for resource protection for the Rapid River Wild River Corridor.

**2. Intent of Subpart B order:** *(The rationale behind the order and what should be accomplished)* The restrictions set forth in this Order are necessary for the protection of resources present within the Rapid River Wild River Corridor. These restrictions are consistent with protections as provided for in the HCNRA regulations, promulgated at 36 CFR 292.44 (b)(2):

“The use of motorized and mechanical equipment on designated Forest Service roads, trails, and airstrips is prohibited on wild and scenic river segments classified as “wild” except as provided for by the authorized officer upon a determination that such use is necessary for the administration of the river or to protect and enhance the values for which the river was designated.”

This Order is also necessary for public safety to restrict motorized vehicles from fording a river crossing due to a bridge wash out within the Rapid River Wild River Corridor. The Order will remain in effect until the Forest Supervisor for the Payette National Forest issues a decision regarding modification of the Travel Management Plan for the Council and New Meadows Ranger Districts Snow Free Season that reconsiders designation of routes for motor vehicle use in the Rapid River Wild & Scenic River corridor in light of the above regulation.

**3. Enforcement Plan:** *(The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety)* Signing will be posted, beginning the summer of 2010, at all affected trail intersections indicating the prohibitions. A news release will be prepared and distributed to media to inform forest users of the new regulations. Forest Service Officers will patrol and make public contacts to gain voluntary compliance.

#### Action Plan

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Robert Bryant, LEI	2/8/2010
Review proposed order	Breck Young, LE&I	2/8/2010
Reviewed by	R4 LE&I and OGC	2/8/2010
Approve proposed order	Suzanne Rainville Forest Supervisor	3/09/2010
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff/LEO	Summer 2010



Prepare news release for local  
Media describing the order and  
Management objectives

PAO

3/11/2010

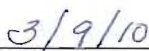
Implementation: Patrol  
Area per Item #3

District FPOs/LEOs

Summer 2010

Assessment and Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:





SUZANNE C. RAINVILLE

Date

Forest Supervisor

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